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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Deputy Director,
Intelligence (Plans)

SUBJECT : OCI Contribution to Counterinsurgency
Report

1. Since and before January 1961, OCI as part of its normal mission has published current intelligence on situations where political differences are deteriorating into insurgency and on active insurgent movements, with the greatest emphasis on Southeast Asia. Beyond this OCI has been involved in a number of special projects in the counter-insurgency field.

a. In early 1961 OCI was requested to prepare a rather ambitious paper which would seek to identify and analyze those situations in the world in which the chances for the development of insurgency seemed to us sufficient to warrant attention for contingency planning. The request came from the DD/P via the DD/I and was intended to be used as an intelligence annex to a comprehensive paper on counterinsurgency being compiled by a community task force in which DD/P represented the Agency. (The term "counterinsurgency" had not been invented at that time; our paper refers to "sustained internal violence" with our own definition.) The requested paper was prepared in time to meet its deadline of 30 March 1961. It consists of a four-page introduction with statement of definitions and broad conclusions plus an appendix covering in some detail the potentially explosive situations in 31 countries of the world. The paper in toto is approximately 90 pages long.

b. In early June 1961, the Agency was asked to present a briefing on "problems of remote area limited warfare" for a limited war task group organized by the Department of Defense. This group of 27 under the chairmanship of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was composed of a number of military officers of general and flag rank plus industrial executives and a few educators. The briefing, which lasted a full afternoon, was given on 22 June 1961. The DD/I presentation was based on the earlier paper and made by OCI.

c. This spring, at the request of [REDACTED] of DD/P, a meeting of DD/P counterinsurgency task force personnel and OCI desk specialists was held in the OCI conference room for a two-hour discussion on the possibilities of the outbreak of insurgency in various quarters of the world. On another occasion, [REDACTED] consulted a group of OCI personnel on priority listings of countries where the insurgency potential was considered high.

d. In addition, OCI has turned out a number of special memoranda for the White House on developments in Laos and Vietnam.

2. Our current activities consist of production and publication of current intelligence on insurgency.

3. Beyond this, we plan to increase our coverage in the OCI weekly of fairly basic long articles on potential insurgency situations.

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